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SUBJECT: CFDT ANNOUNCES DEMONSTRATIONS IN BRUSSELS

FOR 14 NOVEMBER

1. ACCORDING TO AFP ITEM 30 SEPT CONFIRMED BY CFDT
SOURCES, EDMOND MAIRE, CFDT SECGEN, SPEAKING IN
MARSEILLE AT A TRADE UNION MEETING (30 SEPT) ANNOUNCED
THAT THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION IN BRUSSELS ON
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14 NOVEMBER, OPENING DAY OF A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE

OF EC FINANCE AND LABOR MINISTERS AS WELL AS OF EMPLOYER AND WORKER REPRESENTATIVES. THIS DEMONSTRATION WILL BE ORGANIZED BY THE ETUC (EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION) AFFILIATES "IN THE PRESENCE OF WORKER DELEGATIONS FROM VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES," SAID MAIRE, ADDING THAT ETUC CANNOT LIMIT ITSELF TO THE REPRESENTATION OF WORKERS IN THE EC INSTITUTIONS BUT MUST BECOME "AN INSTRUMENT OF ANALYSIS, CONFRONTATION, STIMULATION AND COORDINATION OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST EUROPEAN AND MULTINATIONAL CAPITALISM IN ALL ITS MULTIPLE FORMS."

2. MAIRE CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF HIS SPEECH BY SAYING THAT THE ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA ON 26 SEPT DECIDED THAT THE EUROPEAN WORKERS SHOULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AND SHOULD ACT TOGETHER ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. WITH THIS IN MIND ETUC INTENDS TO MAKE SPECIAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRIPARTITE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE NEXT NOVEMBER WHICH WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE PROBLEMS OF INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT MAIRE SUCCEEDED IN BEING A STEP AHEAD OF FORCE OUVRIERE IN ANNOUNCING THROUGH PUBLIC SPEECHES DECISIONS REACHED BY THE ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN GENEVA ON 26 SEPT. THE FIRST TIME WAS WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THE ETUC APPEAL TO ITS AFFILIATES TO CONDEMN THE EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN BY ORGANIZING DEMONSTRATIONS AND BOYCOTT ACTIONS AGAINST SPAIN ON 2 OCT (SEPTEL).

4. WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY IN THE MARSEILLE SPEECH IS THE CLEAR ALLUSION MAIRE MADE TO THE PRESENCE (READ PARTICIPATION) IN THE 14 NOV DEMONSTRATION OF OTHER THAN ETUC AFFILIATES. HE OBVIOUSLY HAD IN MIND THE CGT WHOSE OBJECTIVE TO BE ADMITTED BY ETUC HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED SO FAR.

5. IT WOULD SEEM AT THIS POINT THAT MAIRE'S SPEECH IN MARSEILLE WENT BEYOND ETUC DECISIONS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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26 SEPT BY APPEARING TO INVITE OTHER THAN ETUC AFFILIATES TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE 14 NOV DEMONSTRATION.

6. ETUC AFFILIATES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INTERESTED IN THIS NEW BIT OF CFDT INITIATIVE AND DISREGARD FOR ORGANIZATIONAL DISCIPLINE. IN ORDER THAT ADDRESSES MAY HAVE AVAILABLE AUTHORITATIVE TEXT FOR CITATION IN

EVENTUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY YETU ETUC
AFFILIATES, WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY SEPTEL COMPLETE
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